

REMARKS

Claim 1 was originally filed in the present application.

Claim 1 was rejected in the May 9, 2005 Office Action.

Claim 1 is cancelled herein.

New Claims 2-20 are added herein.

Reconsideration of Claims 2-20 is respectfully requested.

The Applicant has amended paragraph 31 of the specification to correct two typographical errors therein. No new matter has been added by these corrections.

In Section 1 of the May 9, 2005 Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/112,669 (Publication No. 20020169539 to *Menard et al.* (hereafter, simply "*Mendard*"). The Applicant respectfully asserts that the Examiner's rejection of Claim 1 is moot in view of the cancellation of Claim 1 and the addition of new Claims 2-20.

SUMMARY

For the reasons given above, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of pending claims and that this Application be passed to issue. If any outstanding issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of this Application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at *wmunck@davismunck.com*.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees connected with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

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